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Sir:

In reply to the first Office Action mailed April 13, 2007, the shortened statutory period for which runs until July 13, 2007, please reconsider the subject application in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

- Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.
- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 7.
- Remarks begin on page 19.

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